(b) if so, the details of steps contemplated by Government for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) No decision has been taken as yet.

Production target of ONGC

109. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the production targets fixed for the ONGC is going to achieve the target;

(b) in what manner ONGC is going to achieve the target;

(c) whether any action plan has been formulated; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) The inplace reserve accretion target fixed by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) for the next five years is 562-577 million metric tonne oil equivalent (MMTOE).

The targets for production of oil and gas fixed by ONGC during the same period, from the fields operated by it, are 130.026 million metric tonne (MMT) and 112.105 billion cubic metre (BCM), respectively.

(b) ONGC has formulated an acreage-specific exploration programme to achieve the target set for reserve accretion, considering the following:

- Petroleum Exploration Licence (PEL) and Mining Lease (ML) areas currently held as well as PEL areas awarded to them under the New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP)-1999 and 2000 Rounds.
- Open acreages available in various basins which are likely to be

offered under future ERLP and/or open acreage Rounds. ONGC's strategy to achieve oil and gas production target includes:

- Optimization of production from oil and ageing fields.
- Implementation of Improved Oil Recovery (IOR)/Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) schemes in major fields.
- Putting small/marginal fields on stream.
- Improvement in global recovery factor.
- Use of cost effective and cutting edge technology.

(c) and (d) The projected programme in the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-07) formulated by ONGC includes:

- 45853 LK/GLK of 2D seismic survey
- 38109 sq. km. of 3D seismic survey
- Drilling of 594 exploratory and 622 development wells
- Implementation of IOR schemes in 15 major fields
- Commercial application of EOR schemes in 3 fields
- Laboratory studies/Pilot testing of IOR/EOR in other fields.

Selection of dealer for Almora District

110. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 211 given in the Rajya Sabha on 9th March, 2000 and state:

(a) whether the Dealer Selection Board has since been constituted;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the process of selection of distributor has since been initiated;

(d) if so, whether the application received so far will only be considered or fresh application will be invited; and